

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Figure 12 is a peptide alignment between *P. haemolytica* A1 Tbp1 and
TonB-dependent outer membrane receptors of *E. coli* (SEQ ID NO:16-20, 53-67).

Please delete the Sequence Listing and replace it with the Substitute
Sequence Listing included herewith.

REMARKS

It has come to the Applicants' attention that the sequence listing submitted
July 3, 2000 contains inadvertent errors. The sequences were correctly designated in the
specification and the figures. It is respectfully submitted that this submission does not
require any additional search or examination, and is directed only to the correction of
formal matters.

For SEQ ID NO:1, the nucleotide "n" at position 2544 is missing from the
sequence listing. Figure 21 and SEQ ID NO:2 provide the corresponding protein

sequence in which the amino acid at position 848 is Gly. Codons for Gly are *gga*, *ggc*, *ggg* or *ggg*. Thus, to one of skill in the art, the nucleotide at position 2544 can be a,c,t or g or "n." For SEQ ID NOS: 8 and 11, the organism is *N. gonorrhoeae*, as correctly listed in Figures 4 and 9, respectively. For SEQ ID NOS: 9 and 12, the organism is *N. meningitidis*, as correctly listed in Figures 4 and 9, respectively. For SEQ ID NOS: 14 and 15, the organism is *A. pleuropneumoniae*, as correctly listed in Figure 10. For SEQ ID NOS: 16-20, the length of the sequences is 7 amino acids as set forth in Figure 12. For SEQ ID NOS:23 and 24, the sequences are primers as listed on Table 1, p. 28 and corrected in the substitute sequence listing as Artificial Sequences. For SEQ ID NOS:25-27, 30, and 32-37, the sequences are primers as listed on Table 4, p47-48 and corrected in the substitute sequence listing as Artificial Sequences. For SEQ ID NOS:28, 29, and 31, the sequences are primers as listed on Table 4, p. 47 and corrected in the substitute sequence listing as Artificial Sequences and correct designation of inosine bases. For SEQ ID NOS:46-52, the sequences are primers as listed on Table 10, p63-64 and corrected in the substitute sequence listing as Artificial Sequences

Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing in computer and paper form, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825. The content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e) are the same and do not include new matter.


The specification has been amended to insert sequence identifiers and replace the sequence listing with the substitute sequence listing included herewith. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments. Attached hereto is a page captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" indicating

the changes made to the claims. Material added is double underlined and material deleted is in brackets.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

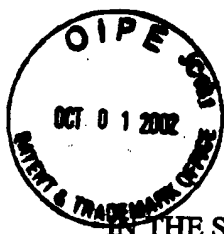
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Attention: Official Draftsperson

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated July 2, 2002, Applicants submit herewith thirty-two (32) sheets of Formal Drawings. These Drawings correspond to Figures 1-11, 13-20, 23, and 25-29. Please substitute these drawings for the drawings previously filed.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the the following amendments to the specification.

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Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 32-33 as follows:

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H'5

Figure 1A-1B. Result of PCR analysis

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H'6

Figure 3A-3E. Preliminary nucleotide sequence of *P. haemolytica* *tbpA* and *tbpB*. Putative signal sequence cleavage sites are indicated by an arrow. The start codon (ATG) is underlined.

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H'7

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H'8

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